

Insurance Company Moves to  
Uptown District.  
OPENS ITS OFFICES TO-MORROW

Mutual Fire, Organized in 1855, a  
Second Time Settles in New Quar-  
ters—Sells Marble Building and  
Builds at Thirteenth Street and  
New York Avenue Northwest.

Removal of the office effects of the  
Mutual Fire Insurance Company to its  
new home, at the northwest corner of  
Thirteenth street and New York avenue,  
took place yesterday afternoon, and the  
company will open its offices to the  
public to-morrow morning, fresh from the  
hands of the contractor.

The insurance company will occupy  
about two-thirds of the ground floor of  
the new building which it has erected,  
the remaining portion of the ground floor  
and the stories above being devoted to  
stores and office suites respectively. The  
building has been constructed since last  
June by Boyer & Smith, contractors, ac-  
cording to plans prepared by Appleton  
Clark, Jr. The building cost approx-  
imately \$32,000, and \$30,000 was paid for  
the lot on which it stands.

Utility Sought in Design.  
Beauty of design, simplicity of construction  
and adaptability to business require-  
ments were the chief instructions given  
to the architect when he took the com-  
mission for the plans. In working out  
his idea he chose white brick for the ex-  
terior walls, which are laid on a granite  
base with Indiana limestone trimmings.  
The exterior of the structure is severely  
plain, but withal well proportioned, and  
a great improvement to the locality where  
it stands.

On the interior the finish is in red brick,  
stained light mahogany. A vestibule, tiled  
and finished with a marble wainscoting,  
forms the entrance to the company's  
offices, which, within, are comfortably  
arranged and finely furnished. The central  
idea throughout has been utilitarian,  
to which the architect has given rare  
touches of beauty in all parts of the building.

Organized in 1855.

The Mutual Fire Insurance has been in  
business continuously since 1855. In the  
beginning it occupied quarters on the sec-  
ond floor over the old Bank of Washing-  
ton, at Louisiana avenue and Seventh  
street. The company remained in these  
unpretentious quarters until 1881, when  
it moved to the second floor of the Marble  
Building, then new, at the southwest cor-  
ner of Ninth street and Pennsylvania  
avenue, where it remained twenty-seven  
years. During the early part of 1906 the  
company became impressed with the need  
of larger quarters to carry on its in-  
creasing business, and took up the con-  
sideration of removal. After deliberation  
it was decided to sell the Marble Build-  
ing and erect a new home for the com-  
pany further uptown. Accordingly the  
building was sold in February, 1906, to  
Capt. James F. Oyster for \$65,000. The  
directors of the company decided to ex-  
pend this sum, or as much as might be  
needed, in the purchase of a lot and the  
erection of a new building.

Finds Site in Uptown Section.

It was not until a year later that a  
suitable site was found, in the uptown  
business district, and the new building  
erected. It was observed that the ten-  
dency of the real estate, insurance, and  
financial interests of the city were cen-  
tering about the district bounded on the  
east by Twelfth, the west by Fifteenth,  
the south by F, and the north by H  
streets. To get into this district was the  
wish of the directors, and finally the  
way was opened for the purchase of the  
old grocery store at the corner of Thir-  
teenth street and New York avenue, on  
the corner opposite the new Masonic  
Temple, and in the line of the business  
improvements going on in that section.

The directors of the company feel that  
they have made no mistake in going to  
the uptown business district, and they are  
settling down in the new home of the  
company in the assurance that the loca-  
tion will be a good one, so far as busi-  
ness is concerned, possibly the best in the  
concern celebrates its centenary.

The officers of the company are: George

T. Deering, president; L. Pierce Boteler,

secretary; W. A. H. Church, treasurer;

Franklin B. B. Church, treasurer;

William Reed

McGill, and H. B. Simpson, assistant

secretaries.

BALTIMORE Y. M. C. A. WINS.

Washington Association Quilt Loses

In Second Half.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 14.—In the first

game of the season between the basket-

ball teams of the West Branch Y. M. C.

A. and the Washington Y. M. C. A., the

local team won, 15 to 10. In previous years

the teams have split even in games, so

to-night's victory gives West Branch the

"rubber" game. The standing of the

Trinity League, of which both of the

teams are members, is now as follows:

York Y. M. C. A. and Central Y. M. C. A.,

tie for first place, and West Branch and

Washington Y. M. C. A., tie for third

place.

The game to-night was a close one; in

fact, after the first half was over, the

score stood 6 to 6. The first goal, which

was made by Hamilton, was one of the

prettiest of the game. Riley had made

an unsuccessful attempt at goal from

fool, when Hamilton dashed in and shot

the goal. Toward the end of this half

the Washington forwards took a brace,

and Haigh shot two beautiful goals. In

the second half the West Branch five

started out strong, and Bristingham shot

three goals in rapid succession. After

this both seemed to vie with each other in

making fouls. Riley shot six goals from

fouls, while Williams shot four. The

line-up:

West Branch. Positions. Washington.

Hamilton. Left forward. Roberts.

Bristingham. Left forward. Smith.

K. Fowler. Right forward. Jones.

Williams. Center. Haigh.

O'Connor. Left defense. Williams.

Riley. Right defense. Fowler.

Field goals—Bristingham (3), Haigh (2), Waters,

R. Fowler. Goals from foul—Riley (6), Williams,

Smith, Roberts, and Fowler. Fouls, Roberts,

and Williams. Y. M. C. A., officials. Time of

halves—20 minutes each.

TURNER DOWNS PARKER.

Washington Wrestler Gains Two

Falls in Eighteen Minutes.

The wrestling card offered at the Colum-

bia Turnverein Hall last night was one

of the best pulled off here this sea-

son, the preliminaries and the main bout

being clever and interesting exhibitions

of the grappling sport. The main set-to

of the evening was between Joe Turner,

the local champion, and Parker, of Balti-

more.

The Washington boy won in two

straight falls in ten and eight minutes,

respectively. Jack Spaulding and Nick

Ross wrestled the first preliminary, nei-

ther being able to gain a fall in the allotted

time, fifteen minutes. In the second pre-

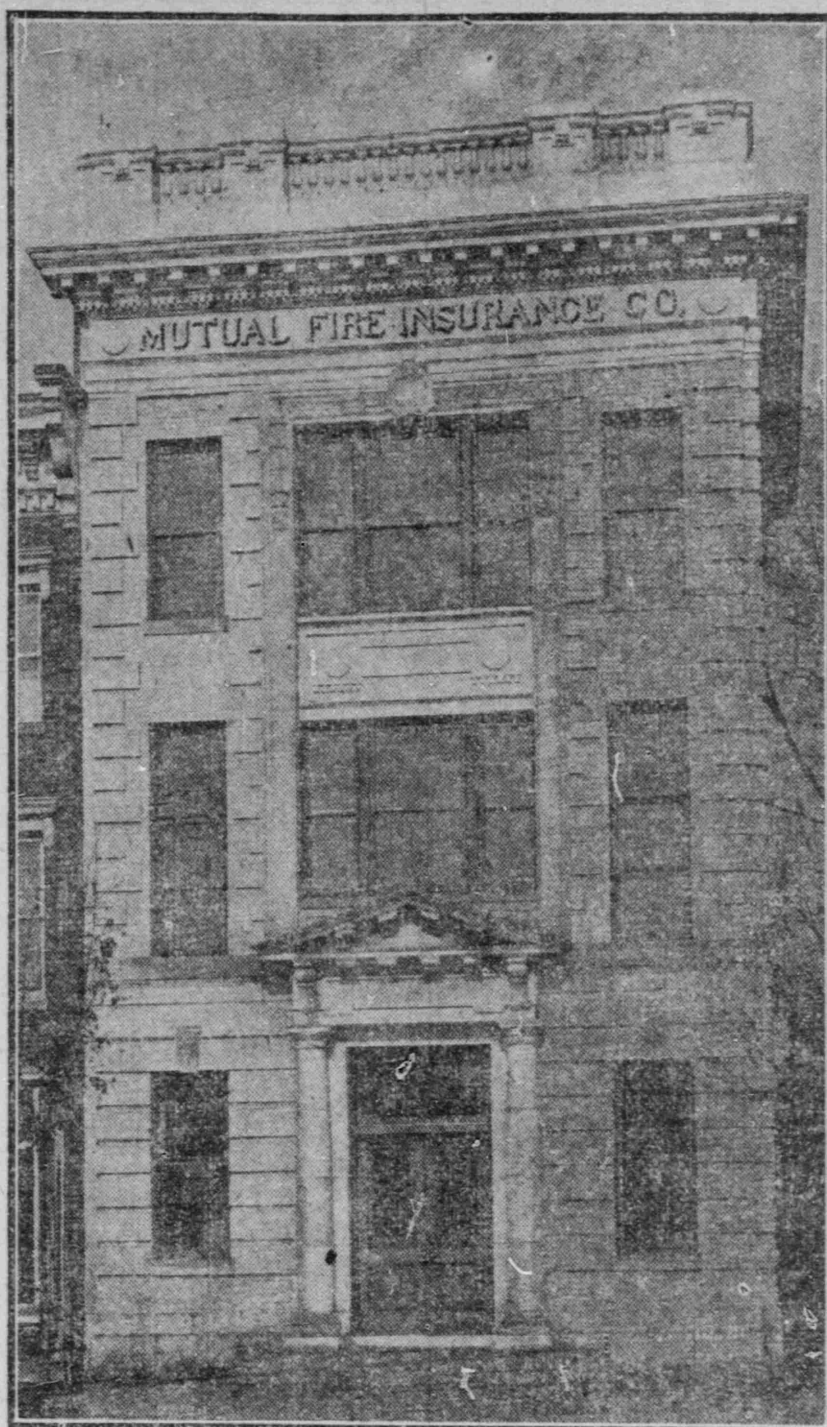
liminary "The Kid Wonder" of Balti-

more, threw Young McGrath in twelve

minutes. Bobbie Baker offered the pre-

liminaries, while Pat O'Connor looked

after the main bout.



NEW HOME OF COMPANY AT THIRTEENTH ST. AND NEW YORK AVE.

## BREAK OF COLLEGES LIKELY

Yale, Princeton, and Harvard Plan  
Three-cornered League.

Will Probably Withdraw from Inter-  
collegiate Association—Play Foot-  
ball and Row Together.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 14.—Athletic

negotiations now in progress between

Yale, Harvard, and Princeton may result

in the most important new alignment of

prominent universities in the East since

the dissolution of the historic Intercol-

legiate Athletic Association in 1886.

The scheme was begun by Yale when it

urged Harvard and Princeton to get to-

gether after the Harvard-Pennsylvania

break, more than a year ago. Yale has

become thoroughly wearied with playing

both Harvard and Princeton, while they

do not meet each other. Not till Coach

Roper, of Princeton, visited Harvard, just

before the Yale-Harvard game in Novem-

ber, were the sessions begun looking to-

ward the new pairing of university rivals.

The scheme is far from completion, but

indications are that before another season

a general understanding in all branches

of sport will be arrived at by the trio.

The most important feature of the agree-

ment will be the assurance of a Harvard-

Princeton football game. If football had

been on a firm basis at Harvard it is

likely that a game with Princeton would

have been arranged for this fall, but the

success of revised football has finally put

the sport on such a basis that there is no

doubt that the match should not be ar-

ranged for next season.

Next to an annual Harvard-Princeton

football game the presence of Princeton

at the annual Yale-Harvard boat race

is the most important feature of the pro-

bable agreement. Both Yale and Har-

vard have been canvassed by Princeton

men as to their willingness to allow the

Tigers to row annually at New London,

and both have given a favorable response.

Whether the Tigers will make a formal

application to be allowed to enter is not

yet certain. The Princeton representatives

who have informally discussed sending a

crew to New London have said that

Princeton's rowing team was not yet

certain, and that it hardly seemed pos-

sible to get crews ready to send to New

London the coming season, and the con-

summation of the proposed annual triple

race on the Thames seems a trifle in the

future. As the three universities meet

annually in baseball, the proposed new

understanding will make no change what-

ever in their relations in this sport.

It would create no surprise if all three

schools break away from the Intercol-

legiate Track Athletic Association. They

are reported dissatisfied with conditions

in that organization, and Yale and Har-

vard have for years threatened to break

away. With Princeton triple track asso-

ciation is a possibility for Yale and Har-

vard. In basketball Harvard has already

withdrawn from the intercollegiate asso-

ciation.

SCHOOLBOYS TO SHOOT.

National Rifle Association Admits

Colleges and Schools.

The National Rifle Association at a re-

cent meeting amended its by-laws so as

to include in its affiliated organizations

rifle clubs of colleges and schools. The

former are to be institutions conferring

degrees, and the latter public, preparatory,

high, and private schools and acad-

emies. In each case clubs must have not

less than twenty members.

The National Rifle Association will give

a prize to each club annually for compe-

tition among its members. Several clubs

have already joined the association under

Bowdoin Military Academy, Montclair

Military Academy, Stamford High, Culver

Military Academy, Kemper Military Acad-

emy, Riverview Academy, University of

California, University of Maine, George

Washington University, University of Ne-

braska, Hamilton Institute, and St. Mat-

thew's Military Academy, Burlingame, Cal.

The Public School Athletic League of

New York City has installed a number of

subtarget guns and has provided prizes

for outdoor matches. The first indoor

tournament for schoolboys will be held in

New York from December 22 to January

4. The National Rifle Association will

build a rifle range at the Forest, Fish,

Game, and Sportsman's Exhibition, at the

Grand Central Palace, especially for

schoolboy matches. It is expected that

at least fourteen out of the nineteen high

schools in New York will be represented

by teams, as well as Jersey City, Fair-

son, Elizabeth, Stamford, Conn., and, per-

haps, Baltimore and Washington.

## GIBBONS ONCE GOOD BOXER.

Many Ring Battles Fought by Re-

cent Victim of Consumption.

Many followers of boxing failed to re-

member Austin Gibbons, who died the

other day of consumption in Paterson,

N. J. Yet he was once as widely known

as any light-weight in the ring.

Gibbons began boxing in 1885, and he

made such a great record that on Sep-

tember 11, 1891, he was matched against

Jack McAuliffe for the light-weight

championship, a title Gibbons was am-

bitious to win, especially from McAuliffe,

whom he hated.

The battle took place at Hoboken, N. J.,

and the police stopped it in the sixth

round, McAuliffe getting the decision.

There was much litigation over the side

wager, and the court finally ordered the

money returned to the ones who put it

up.

Later Gibbons knocked out Andy Bowen

in forty-five rounds at New Orleans.

Frank Craig in one round, Martin Snee

in five rounds, Mike Daly of Bangor, in

thirty-one rounds; Bobby Dobbs in three

rounds, and many others.

October 15, 1894, Joe Walcott knocked

Gibbons out in four rounds at Coney

Island. In February, 1897, Jimmy Han-

dler put him away in fifteen rounds in

New York. After this Gibbons dropped

out of the game.

EVANS M. A. C.'S CAPTAIN.

Will Be Necessary to Build Up New

Team Next Fall.

Special to The Washington Herald.

College Park, Md., Dec. 14.—At a meet-

ing of the football team of the Maryland

Agricultural College the college emblem

was awarded to the following men: Hicks,

Lume, and Cory, while the M. and star

were awarded to Capt. Byrd, Evans,

Cooper, Mackall, and Ruffner.

Evans, who did much brilliant work at

last season, was elected captain of next

year's team. Capt. Evans will have a

task on his hands in that he will have

to develop an almost entirely new back

field, as the services of Capt. Byrd, quar-

ter back, Cooper, left half, and Mackall,

full back, will be lost by graduation.

Ruffner, who was a tower of strength to

the team at center, will also be lost by

graduation. This is the only line-man

who will be lost from this year's team,

and with such good men as Daak, Ben-

son, Cann, Hoen, Tansky, Hicks, and

Lewis to build around there should be no

trouble in developing a winning eleven in

1908.

AMONG THE BOXERS.

John L. Sullivan will retire from the

vaudeville business at the end of this

month, and next year will star in a play

written for himself.

Willis Britt, brother of Jimmy Britt,

the California light-weight, is reported to

be a fugitive from justice, charged with

bribery in connection with fight permits

in San Francisco.

Mickey McNellis has completed arrange-

ments for a ten-round bout at Reading,

Pa., on Christmas afternoon between

Jack Blackburn, of Philadelphia, and